

## **Provider Profile**

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Information provided by the provider describing their agency:

Eastern Community Development Corporation, founded in 1988, ECDC is dedicated to building, strengthening and improving lifestyles for people of all abilities. Utilizing our comprehensive programming options such as community residential settings, vocational, day treatment, and habilitation at home as well as in home support services. We believe that every person is capable of growth regardless of individual challenges.

Community based settings are only one step of many for the inclusion of the people we serve into the community. We provide support so that individuals may have choices, make decisions, and take responsibility for such decisions. The people who receive our support have made significant progress in their lives. This includes many people with developmental challenges including behavioral and mental health needs. We strive to create an array of supports, housing options, training, and services that are custom-fit to a person's needs and desires. This system supports people in defining their own needs, preferences and transitions in many areas including lifestyle, leisure, work, home, relationships, personal goals, and daily routine.

At ECDC it is our goal to foster multi-faceted community interactions to help people overcome the commonly experienced barriers of isolation and exclusion that hinder true community membership. We are committed in assisting people to discover their gifts, uncover hidden potentials, and to establish valued roles within their communities.

It is our vision and philosophy to strive to develop roles of community citizenship for the people we serve. ECDC's philosophy of providing services to individuals revolves around a number of aspects. Promoting independence is of the utmost importance. We have found that the individuals we provide service to grow immensely when they are empowered to make their own decisions and control the direction of their own lives.

Twenty years has taught us a lot – to listen, be compassionate, enthusiastic about what we do, and never limit the potential of self, others, or the future.

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